Celebrating Success!

Success Stories:

Shared by Alternatives

Samantha

Samantha is a bright, good-humored young lady who entered REACH during an extremely difficult time in her life. She had made two attempts to take her life after experiences of being trafficked. The Child and Family Team focused on keeping Samantha safe and helping her regain her sense of self, but Samantha was truly the driving force in her own recovery.

Since August of 2017, Samantha has proven herself immensely resilient. Through artistic expression and strong family support, Samantha began to trust others again. She has recently been recognized for her academic excellence and attended a Job Fair so she may earn her own money and keep busy. Samantha’s team now consists almost solely of natural and informal supports and the family plans to graduate from the REACH program in May of 2018.

Samantha is a reminder of the strength our youth possess and they have the ability to achieve if just given the chance.

*Names changed to protect confidentiality.

Positive Recognition:

“There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone’s life.” – Mary Rose McGeady

D. I.—Parent

Nominated by Jen Ostrowski, Homme Youth and Family Programs

D's child is placed at Homme and has been there since November 2017. During the child’s placement, D has been great to work with and is always available when I call, whether it is for basic follow-up reasons or for in-the-moment support for D's child when the child is struggling. D has traveled to Homme for several visits and family therapy, as well as all meetings and court hearings. D’s follow-through and involvement has been extremely helpful in D’s child’s treatment.

Carmen Rosa Scroggins — Wraparound Finance

Nominated by Connie Hollinger, Wraparound Assessment

Rosa (Carmen) is always helpful. She does her work with a smile. She never complains when asked for something. She accepts new work and challenges and does her best.

Jessica Schreiner — Wraparound Wellness Clinic

Nominated by Dr. Moisio, Wraparound Wellness Clinic

Jessica has really done an outstanding job multi-tasking at the front desk in the Wellness Clinic. Sometimes unpredictable, challenging situations come up and she has been great about rolling with everything. During the day she is one of the main people families and youth interact with and I think she does a great job in that frequently challenging role.

Brian Morgan—New C.H.O.I.C.E.S.

Nominated by Julia Richard, SaintA

Brian has gone above and beyond supporting a youth who transitioned home from Lad Lake, from visiting him in Dousman to helping him get home from the Yes Program. Both the youth and his family have expressed so much appreciation for him. Thank you Brian!

J. J.—Youth

Nominated by Ella Utsey, SaintA

I would like to recognize J. J. for becoming such an amazing, well-mannered, independent young person. When I first met J. there was struggle with expressing feelings and managing frustrations. It seemed as if there were a tornado of emotions within the young person’s mind/body and was not sure of how to regulate these emotions. J. has become one of the most empowering teens that I have encountered and truly advocates for one’s self very well. J. has gone from a 1.0 GPA to passing all assigned classes with a C or better. This young person also serves as a positive influence to their siblings’ lives and takes great pride in showcasing one’s leadership abilities.

Owen’s Place Team—Owen’s Place

Nominated by Rashaan Cherry—Wraparound Administration

Thank you to the entire team for your hard work and dedication to each and everyone that walks through the door. Your motivation and positive attitudes has changed the atmosphere of Owen’s Place and increased the level of participation there. You guys rock!

Want to recognize someone for their great work? Submit a Positive Recognition Form, so we can give them a shout out!

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Upcoming Events & Community Highlights:

Featured Community Resources:

Owen’s Place Job & Resource Fair
Please join Owen’s Place on Friday, May 25th, from 12pm - 3pm. There will be 40+ employers with over 400 vacancies, highlighting local jobs and training courses. There will be limited youth employment and resources, all are welcome and this is a community venue. For questions, please email Mr. Nelson at Frederick.Nelson@wi.gov, or by phone at 414-874-1655.

2018 Talent Show
It’s that time of year again! Mark your calendars for our 2018 Talent Show! This year’s show will be held on May 23 at Pulaski High School. The Art Show starts at 4:30 p.m. and the Show starts at 5:30 p.m. If there are any questions, please contact Jessica Hurlebaus at Jessica.hurlebaus@milwaukeecountywi.gov

Milwaukee Fire Department
It is the goal of the Milwaukee Fire Department to have each truck install three (3) smoke detectors each day. If you know someone who is in need of smoke detectors, please contact the Smoke Alarm Hotline, 414-286-8980.

The Sensory Club
Is an all-inclusive, welcoming and accepting club, people of all ages and disabilities can come to feel their best and grow together. Members across the spectrum experience a safe haven to explore and satisfy their sensory needs in a safe, nurturing, and fun environment. We encourage growth and positivity through the use of our unique sensory gym and multi-sensory environments.
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262-269-5200
https://www.thesensoryclub.com/

Family Strong, LLC.
“Your Family, Your Voice”
Family Strong is a community-based organization that provides family advocacy, support and learning opportunities to families enrolled in Wraparound Milwaukee Programs. Family Strong offers Parent and Family Support Café and Groups, Fun Family Events and Activities, Special Honor and Recognition Banquet, Volunteer Opportunities and Empowerment.
Family Strong is located at 8726 W. Mill Rd. and can be reached at 414-466-9532

Wraparound Milwaukee Vision:
To help build healthy and strong communities by enhancing children and families’ ability to meet life’s challenges and to foster resiliency and hope for a better future.